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SUBJECT: ITALIAN PRESIDENT'S REQUEST TO MEET WITH
PRESIDENT NIXON

1. ITALIAN MINISTER ROMANO CALLED DCM EVENING APRIL 5
AND SAID THAT THE ITALIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON HAD
ALREADY INDICATED TO THE DEPARTMENT THE DESIRE OF
PRESIDENT LEONE TO SEE PRESIDENT NIXON BRIEFLY WHILE
THEY ARE BOTH IN PARIS IN CONNECTION WITH THE MEMORIAL
SERVICE FOR PRESIDENT POMPIDOU.

2. ROMANO SAID THERE HAD ALREADY BEEN DISCUSSIONS
REGARDING THE POSSIBILITY OF A STATE VISIT BY PRESI-
DENT LEONE TO WASHINGTON, BUT THAT THE VISIT HAD
HAD TO BE DELAYED BECAUSE OF PROBLEMS CONNECTED WITH
THE ITALIAN ELECTIONS. ITALIANS OBVIOUSLY HOPE IT
WILL BE POSSIBLE FOR PRESIDENT LEONE TO MEET, AT
LEAST BRIEFLY, WITH PRESIDENT NIXON WHILE THEY ARE
BOTH IN PARIS.

3. PLEASE ADVISE.

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